



Memorandum

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To: North Bay Technical Team Participants

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The information in this packet provides some supporting materials for the upcoming one-day North Bay Technical Team Meeting on Tuesday, March 18. We are looking forward to a productive session. The meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and will be held at the California Maritime Academy. The meeting will be in the President's Room of the Administration Building. If you are coming from Sacramento on I-80, take the last exit before the Carquinez Bridge and follow signs to the Academy. If you are coming from San Francisco, take the Sonoma Boulevard exit and follow the signs to the Academy. There is a \$1.50 fee for parking, however, the machine only take quarters, so be sure to bring enough. We will provide coffee and pastries in the morning. Lunch is available at the Maritime Academy, unfortunately, we can't cover the cost.

Meeting Purpose The primary purpose of the meeting is to involve technical representatives from agencies and stakeholder groups in developing a package of priority fish and habitat restoration actions to be implemented starting this year. The restoration actions recommended by this meeting will help guide funding decisions by the Ecosystem Roundtable and CALFED. The funds we have available include \$60 million from Proposition 204, \$10 million in potential stakeholder contributions, and potentially \$143 million in federal appropriations that are currently in the President's budget for the next fiscal year. In addition, we are working with other funding sources to better coordinate ecosystem restoration funding decisions.

Meeting Scope/Focus The geographic scope of the meeting includes the watershed of the Petaluma River eastward to the Napa River and upstream into the watersheds to the extent that actions taken can benefit the priority species and habitat types. The geographic scope for the technical team will be covered on the agenda in case there are any questions or concerns. Other technical teams are working the Sacramento River system, the San Joaquin River system, and the Delta and Suisun Bay.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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To guide funding decisions, the Ecosystem Roundtable and CALFED have adopted a set of near-term natural resource priorities which includes eight fish species, migratory birds, and five habitat types. A description of the priorities and some additional criteria are in the attached draft document titled "Implementation Strategy to Identify Near Term Priorities for Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration." It is important to note that these priorities will be reviewed and expanded as necessary on a semi-annual basis as new information is available or as funding levels change.

Attachments To assist you in preparing for the meeting, we have included some materials. Please review as much of the material as possible in order to help ensure the success of the meeting. The following materials are attached:

- Agenda,
- Some draft ground rules and a description of consensus we can use to guide our efforts,
- The Implementation Strategy to Identify Near Term Restoration Priorities for the Bay-Delta Ecosystem Restoration, and
- Some sections of CALFED's Introduction of Restoration Targets that lists the processes, species, and habitats that are in the overall Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan.

We look forward to a productive session. Please RSVP to Nancy Schaeffer at the number above. If you have any questions, please call Cindy, Nancy, or Paul.